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## Mountain View Announces Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Mountain View, California** — The City of Mountain View announces the start of Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV), a program providing no-cost home energy assessments to Mountain View residents.

**EUMV** — Through Energy Upgrade Mountain View, 1,500 homes will receive a no-cost energy assessment. All qualified City residents can sign up for an assessment beginning today at <a href="https://www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org">www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org</a>. To meet the diverse needs of residents, this new program offers different types of assessments, including an in-home assessment; an interactive, web-based assessment, and a real-time energy monitoring system provided by leading private companies working with the City.

EUMV was developed to help residents reduce their monthly energy bills and to help the City meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. The program is funded from the City's Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). EUMV will run until the end of 2012 or until 1,500 energy assessments have been performed.

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Residents will be selected for a specific assessment after they create a home energy profile using the "EUMV Navigator," which will enable them to track and compare their energy use to the prior year. At the end of the program the City will be able to show real outcomes by calculating the total energy savings resulting from the actions taken by residents to reduce energy use.

The City aims to sign up as many residents as possible to participate in the program so they can benefit from reduced energy bills and help to address the energy-use aspect of climate change. Through Energy Upgrade Mountain View the City projects savings between 1,500 and 2,500 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year by helping residents focus on no- and low-cost ways of saving energy. By participating in EUMV, residents will learn how energy is used in their homes and easy steps they can take to save money by reducing energy use.

To learn more about Energy Upgrade Mountain View, visit <a href="www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org">www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org</a>. Representatives from EUMV will be hosting a table in Pioneer Park following the City's Annual Spring Family Parade on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information about EUMV and children's games will be available.

**For Further Information** — For questions about the EUMV program, please contact Steve Attinger, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, at (650) 903-6602 or by E-mail at: <a href="mailto:steve.attinger@mountainview.gov">steve.attinger@mountainview.gov</a>. For all other media inquiries, please contact Kimberly S. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager at (650) 903-6210 or by E-mail at: <a href="mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov">kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov</a>. Additional information about the City of Mountain View is available on-line at: <a href="mailto:www.mountainview.gov">www.mountainview.gov</a>.

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